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**FOREIGN DOCUMENT EXPLOITATION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, and for the purposes enunciated in paragraphs (d) (4) and (e) thereof, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that, with respect to:

**1. Captured Documents:**

The Director of Central Intelligence shall:

- a. Survey, and have access to, all captured documents having an intelligence potential related to the national security which are held by government agencies; and
- b. Catalogue, abstract, index, and translate such documents or portions thereof as are required for national intelligence purposes, or as may be agreed upon with the interested agencies.
- c. Upon completion of exploitation, return such documents to the agency having original title, or make such other disposition of them as may be agreed upon by the owning agency.
- d. Recognize the primary interest of theater commanders and the armed services in captured documents as a source of operational and departmental intelligence information, revising any previous agreements as necessary upon the outbreak of hostilities.

**2. Current Documents:**

The Director of Central Intelligence shall:

- a. Survey the activities of the various Government agencies in the field of exploitation of the foreign press and

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periodicals for intelligence purposes, and coordinate the use of existing facilities in the interests of national intelligence. The agencies shall continue to exploit the foreign press for their own departmental needs and for current intelligence information as required.

b. Abstract, index, and translate such portions of the foreign press, periodicals, and other current foreign documents as are required for national intelligence purposes or as may be agreed upon with the interested agencies.

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